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HORN OF AFRICA: NIGERIA AND S.C.

DEPT PLEASE PASS ASST SECRETARY MOOSE

REF: A. STATE 045143 B. TRIPOLI 0277

1. GARBA GAVE ME FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT ON POSSIBLE S.C. ACTION ON HORN THIS AFTERNOON (1800 LOCAL FEB 24):
A. HE HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT IN DEPTH WITH SOMALIAN AND ETHIOPIAN FONMINS WHO OPPOSE S.C. MEETING. MEMBERS OAU CONCILIATION COMMITTEE SIMILARLY ARE OPPOSED. OTHERS CONSULTED ARE ALSO OPPOSED AT PRESENT. GARBA'S FEAR, SHARED BY OTHERS, IS THAT S.C. MEETING WOULD TURN INTO MUD SLINGING CONTEST AND SOVIETS WOULD VETO ANYTHING USEFUL. MOREOVER, PROPOSAL IN DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING WITHDRAWALS PRESENTED DIFFICULTIES SINCE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FORCES HAVE NO PLACE TO WITHDRAW TO.
B. GARBA HAS BEEN ASSURED BY ETHIOPIAN FONMIN THAT LATTER
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WILL ARRIVE IN LAGOS ON 27TH FOR MEETING WITH SOMALIS, OUTCOME OF WHICH HE WOULD NOT PREDICT.

2. ZIMBABWE. GARBA ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO USG HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER LATEST STATE DEPT STATEMENT CHARACTERIZING INTERNAL AGREEMENTS AS "SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD." HE SAID HIGH LEVEL STATE DEPT OFFICIALS HAD ASSURED HIM THAT US WOULD

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NOT ENDORSE SETTLEMENT THAT EXCLUDED PATRIOTIC FRONT.
GARBA ADDED THAT THIS STATEMENT PUT NIGERIA AND OTHER
"MODERATES" IN DIFFICULT POSITION.

3. GARBA IS LEAVING FOR LONDON TOMORROW, FEB 25, FOR
ONE OR TWO DAY STAY. HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
TO DICK MOOSE IF LATTER IS IN TOWN.
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